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## MILITARY PAY & RETIREMENT/Reserves & the Federal Thrift Savings Plan

**SUBJECT:** Soldiers', Sailors', Airmen's, and Marines' Bill of Rights Act of 1999 . . . S. 4. Cleland amendment No. 6.

### ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 100-0

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S. 4, the Soldiers', Sailors', Airmen's, and Marines' Bill of Rights Act of 1999: will authorize a 4.8 percent military pay raise, effective January 1, 2000; will reform the military pay tables; will revise the military retirement system; will authorize active duty military personnel to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan; will revise benefits under the Montgomery G.I. Bill; will authorize a special subsistence allowance for enlisted military personnel who demonstrate eligibility for food stamps; and will require an annual report on the impact of these changes on recruitment and retention.

**The Cleland amendment** would permit National Guardsmen and Reservists to participate in the Federal Thrift Savings Plan.

**Those favoring** the amendment contended:

Guardsmen and reservists serve a minimum of 1 weekend per month and 2 weeks per year. In the past, that minimum service has been the norm. However, times are changing. With the large reductions in active duty personnel that have been made in recent years, as well as with the greatly increased operating tempo for the remaining forces, the military has had to rely increasingly on guard and reserve forces. Due to this change, we believe that guardsmen and reserves should be permitted to participate in the Federal Thrift Savings Plan. Many of them, of course, have savings plans for their private sector earnings, and in the past, due to the small percentage of their incomes that have come from the Guard and the Reserves, it has not really been a large burden for them not to be able to participate in the Federal Thrift Savings Plan. Now, though, because of longer periods of active duty, it can be a significant burden. The Cleland amendment would correct this problem by allowing them to participate in the plan, should they so choose. We urge our colleagues to support this amendment.

**No arguments were expressed in opposition to the amendment.**

YEAS (100)			NAYS (0)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republican (55 or 100%)	Democrats (45 or 100%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchinson	Akaka	Kennedy			
Allard	Hutchison	Baucus	Kerrey			
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Bayh	Kerry			
Bennett	Jeffords	Biden	Kohl			
Bond	Kyl	Bingaman	Landrieu			
Brownback	Lott	Boxer	Lautenberg			
Bunning	Lugar	Breaux	Leahy			
Burns	Mack	Bryan	Levin			
Campbell	McCain	Byrd	Lieberman			
Chafee	McConnell	Cleland	Lincoln			
Cochran	Murkowski	Conrad	Mikulski			
Collins	Nickles	Daschle	Moynihan			
Coverdell	Roberts	Dodd	Murray			
Craig	Roth	Dorgan	Reed			
Crapo	Santorum	Durbin	Reid			
DeWine	Sessions	Edwards	Robb			
Domenici	Shelby	Feingold	Rockefeller			
Enzi	Smith, Bob	Feinstein	Sarbanes			
Fitzgerald	Smith, Gordon	Graham	Schumer			
Frist	Snowe	Harkin	Torricelli			
Gorton	Specter	Hollings	Wellstone			
Gramm	Stevens	Inouye	Wyden			
Grams	Thomas	Johnson				
Grassley	Thompson					
Gregg	Thurmond					
Hagel	Voinovich					
Hatch	Warner					
Helms						

#### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

#### SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

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